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STAY-BEHIND PROGRAM - GERMANY

1. Our stay-behind organization in Germany (with the possible exception of that provided by OFFSPRING) is still largely in the developmental stage. During the past two years, sporadic efforts have been made both by the Karlsruhe and Berlin operation bases to hide radio sets, recruit and train W/T operators and to establish safe houses. These efforts have not been coordinated into an overall plan.

2. The most tangible asset DAD has for stay-behind activities now consists of a chain being developed through representatives of a German church relief organization which is permitted to operate in the Eastern Zones. Through the efforts of three representatives of this group, three TR-1s have been hidden with trusted friends who are prepared to provide safe houses for the operators, two other safe houses have been established, and a member of the group has completed communications training. Estimated expenses for this net are \$400.00 for the current six month period. The agent who originally recruited the operator is no longer connected with this project, and the second agent of the group was recruited by the first agent as his replacement. Signal plans, ciphers, crystals and instruction regarding targets to be covered on activation have yet to be issued to the group. We are asking the field whether signal plans, ciphers and crystals can be issued to the case officer for delivery to the operator in an emergency. Other units for stay-behind have been proposed but are still embryonic - e.g., we have a group of three agents who plan to work together, but none have yet received commo training and the part each is to play has not been determined. In addition to the two active agents for stay-behind mentioned originally, we have fifteen candidates who have been recruited but not fully briefed or trained. Two of these have completed commo training, but their specific assignments are undetermined. Cost of this project for the current six month period is estimated at \$950.00. Three TR-1s buried by staff officers presumably would be made available in an emergency for the use of members of this project.

3. Recruitment for stay-behind agents, operators, etc., has been carried on directly by staff members, by agents, and by those originally recruited. For example, KIBITZ 2 was recruited by a staff officer under the guise of an American seeking to improve his German through contact with a German family. KIBITZ 2 in turn recruited three members of the group of fifteen mentioned above. Another agent of ours recruited three individuals for stay-behind, two of whom have between them recruited two additional members who are unknown to the original agent recruiter.

The stayability of two out of the three operators trained is definitely limited. One, who is now self-employed as a commercial representative, did intercept work for the Germans during World War II. The second, who is a student at Tübingen University, has openly supported the establishment of the Free University, Berlin, and protested the arrest of a student leader at Leipzig. The third, an official of the church group previously mentioned, was formerly a lieutenant in the German Signal Corps, but his age (ca. 40) and his security record to date indicate he may prove a reasonable bet for a long haul. In addition to his training

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ing as a W/T operator, however, he has hidden one of the sets and has been active in recruiting and in the establishment of safe houses. Personalia on these three operators and on the others now under consideration are available both at the field base and at Headquarters.

4. A total of eight IR-1s have been hidden by DAD. Three of these were buried by staff personnel in the spring of 1949, and a recent recheck of the sites of burial has shown no sign of disturbance. It appears from records here, however, that only one of the three sets was properly wrapped. The remaining five sets were hidden by agent personnel during the period from September 1948 through April 1949. Details are available at the field base and at Headquarters. Authorization was recently granted for the burial of two additional sets by agents. Signal plans, ciphers and crystals have not been assigned, so none of these sets is ready for activation.

5. In event of war, it is planned to evacuate one of the recruiters, a trade union leader who worked with us during World War II.

6. In a recent letter to the field, we set as our goal a minimum of ten sets hidden in Germany, ten W/T operators trained, and at least four self-contained units ready for activation by 1 January 1951. We plan to instruct the field to consult EUCOM on the extent of coverage desired. DAD will be requested to submit recommendations regarding the degree of desired coverage that can be handled consistent with other commitments, and an estimate of supplies (food, gold, drugs, etc.) required to be hidden. Meanwhile, we plan to proceed with the recruitment and training of operators; hiding of sets; establishment of safe houses and dead letter drops; and a cursory survey of possible drop zones. It is understood that Commo will authorize the burial of ciphers with sets hidden by staff personnel, and it is anticipated that signal plans, crystals, and ciphers in the near future will be made available to the case officer for issuance to approved stay-behind personnel in an emergency.

7. A policy decision is needed on whether staff personnel who are able to pass as Germans or other Europeans will be permitted, provided they are willing, to stay behind. This question will be the subject of a separate memorandum.

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Each desk representative is responsible for the leg-work of the stay-behinds for his respective area and will prepare immediately a progress report to cover the following:

- a. Functions of Organization  
(political, scientific, OB, CE, etc.)  
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- b. Structure and size of Organization  
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- c. Personnel  
(recruiting and training)
- d. Equipment: (Type, amount, and responsibility for supply: -- W/T, operational and tradecraft (including reserve), training material.)
- e. Who has the records?  
(personnel and operational)
- f. Evacuation plans. *(recruitment, etc.)*
- g. Special Organizations (where pertinent) *- other sections*
- h. Action in case of emergency  
(amber light, phases, functions and complement at Allied control base.)
- i. Plans

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